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York County Welcomes New 4-H Agent

Greetings from the new 4-H Extension Agent on the block!

Please allow me to introduce myself – I'm Joel Bunn, and I joined York County's Cooperative Extension team in January of 2005. I have been on the peninsula for 14 years now, since I came to study at The College of William and Mary, where I received a B.S. and an M.A. I grew up on a beef farm in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and was an avid participant in 4-H programs in Carroll County. We camped at the Southwest 4-H center in Abingdon, Virginia, where I attended as a camper, and then several years later as a volunteer adult leader. I also participated in the 4-H Presentations contest, and Share-The-Fun every chance I had. More recently, I was a club leader for a 4-H Horticultural club in James City County, which later became the Clara Byrd Baker Garden club.

I look forward to working with the youth and adults of York County, and am excited to start to expand our offerings, beginning with our summer camp this year. Our theme for the 2005 camp is "It's Time to Grow!" and we'll be carrying that theme into the school year this fall as we increase the number of opportunities for all ages to be involved! From an active and vibrant Teen Council, to creative new clubs and exciting programming, we want to make sure everyone has access to 4-H! I also plan on developing programs for the military families in our area, and reaching out to upper York County to make sure everyone knows they're welcome to join and participate.

As a new opportunity, you can visit our county web site and sign up for email updates on new 4-H happenings! Subscribe to receive these updates at: http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/progareas/4-H/4h_youth_dev.htm.

I'll do my part, but I need your help, to get the word out... so tell your friends and families, "It's Time to Grow – 4-H!"

4-H Peer Teacher Program



Are you age 13 - 16? Do you like learning about history? Do you like dressing in costume or uniform? Do you like talking to people? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then apply to be a 4-H Peer Teacher for the Yorktown Victory Center. The 4-H Peer Teacher Program involves youth ages 13 - 16, in the daily costumed interpretation at the Yorktown Victory Center, assisting younger visitors with special hands-on activities. Selected participants will volunteer one afternoon per week for 6 weeks over the summer of 2005. All applicants will be interviewed prior to program selection. Training and costumes will be provided.

If interested, please call 890-4940 to put your name on the 4-H Peer Teaching mailing list. Applications are available at http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/upcomingevents/4-H/peer_teacher.htm, and are due April 8, 2005.



York County 4-H Activities at a Glance

Apr 8	Peer Teacher applications due to the VCE-York County office
May 2 - 4	Peer Teacher applicant interviews
May 3	Growing Mums for Fun and Profit registration deadline
May 25	6:30 p.m., Growing Mums for Fun and Profit: Session 1, York County General Services Building
Jun 1	6:30 p.m., Growing Mums for Fun and Profit: Session 2, York County General Services Building
Jun 4	8:30 a.m., Peer Teacher Program participant training day, Yorktown Victory Center 9:30 a.m., Jr. 4-H Camp Teen & Adult Counselor training day, Jamestown 4-H Center
Jun 5	2 - 5 p.m., Jamestown 4-H Center Open House (contact 253-4931 for details)
Jun 20 - 23	Virginia 4-H Congress, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Jul 13	6:30 p.m., Growing Mums for Fun and Profit: Session 3, York County General Services Building
Aug 1 - 5	York County Jr. 4-H Camp, Jamestown 4-H Center
Aug 10	6:30 p.m., Growing Mums for Fun and Profit: Session 4, York County General Services Building
Aug 15 - 19	Northeast District 4-H Camp, Jamestown 4-H Center, (This camping opportunity is open to York County Jr. 4-H camp waiting list, and new resident campers.)

Volunteers...Come Help Us Grow!

I'm looking for you..., yes you, the one standing there with the newsletter in hand. Have you ever wanted to reach out and lend a hand, to help a child grow? Have you ever thought, "I would love to teach a teenager what I know about aeronautics, business, racquetball, horses, etc.", but didn't know how? Do you feel young at heart and want to make a difference in your community? Give us a call! We're looking for those individuals that want to help: whether it's teaching a class, camping out, providing leadership, or helping with arts and crafts. We've got a million ways you can help out, and you'll get a big smile on your face when you see how you've contributed to the lives of our youth!

We are particularly looking for adults who would like to volunteer to come to camp this summer, from August 1-5. It's hard work, but a lot of fun! Give us a call at 890-4940, if you're interested!

Growing Mums for Fun and Profit (Youth Ages 10-15)

Registration will begin in April for this program. The project combines the skills of growing plants with the knowledge of how to account for, market and sell a "product." Youth will receive materials to grow 20 chrysanthemums. They will grow these mums throughout the summer and be in total care of their "product." Participants will attend five scheduled educational one-hour sessions through the summer to learn the proper care for the chrysanthemum, how to keep accounts in order, and to learn how to market and sell the product.

The first meeting will be Monday, May 26, 6:30 p.m., at the York County General Services meeting room. The paid participant will be in full control/care of their 20 chrysanthemums. Participants will pot their chrysanthemums and bring them home that night. It is important that these plants grow in a full sun location where they can be watered daily and free of competing vegetation.

Other meeting dates include: June 1, July 13, August 10, and September 21, all at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited. York County residents have first priority until May 1. Registration fee of \$20.00 must be received by May 3, 2005. Obtain registration form at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/upcomingevents/hort/youth4-Hmumsproj.htm>, or contact the York Extension Office at 890-4940.

4-H Virtual Forest

The 4-H Virtual Forest is an interactive, web-based learning experience that introduces forest management concepts to Virginia's youth ages 9 through 13. Seven learning modules cover the following subjects: human impact on the ecosystem (sprawl), renewable resources, photosynthesis, tree identification, succession, tree measurements, and timber harvesting. The modules complement 4-H experiential techniques and are consistent with the Standards of Learning for Virginia public schools. 4-H Virtual Forest also includes user's guides, student activity sheets, teacher answer sheets, additional resources, and SOL links for each module. In addition, student and adult evaluations can be completed and submitted on-line. Your family and friends can explore the 4-H Virtual Forest at www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtualforest/, or contact your local Extension Office to get a copy of the Virtual Forest on CD.

Virginia 4-H Congress 2005

June 20 – June 23, 2005
At Virginia Tech

4-H congress is just around the corner, so make your plans now! Congress is open to any and all youths who participate in 4-H in York County, including all of our 4-H campers who went to Jamestown last summer. Congress is a great leadership development and learning experience, but it's also a ton of fun! Meet new people from around the state, and participate in 4-H at its best. Call the office for more information about congress, and make your plans now to attend!

Let's Plant the Seeds For a Successful Teen Council!

The York County 4-H Teen Council will be coming to life again this fall, but I need your help! I'm looking for a few, highly motivated adults to work with this group, to assist with meetings, planning, and organization. And I need to know who those teens are who are ready to fire up this program again! Teens and adults, please call if you are interested in being involved with the Teen Council, and let us place you on our contact list. More information will be available later this summer, but we want to start spreading our roots early so we are a strong club!

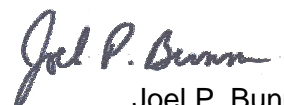
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